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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SYG WALDHEIM CRITICISM OF MAYAGUEZ OPERATION

FOR BUFFUM FROM THE SECRETARY

L. I SEE FROM A REUTER TICKER THAT WALDHEIM CRITICIZED OUR HANDLING OF THE MAYAGUEZ OPERATION IN AN INTERVIEW ON QUOTE WASHINGTON STRAIGHT TALK UNQUOTE. ASSUMING THE REPORT IS ACCURATE, I WOULD LIKE SCALI INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST THE SYG'S COMMENTS. HE SHOULD REMIND THE SYG THAT THE SITUATION DICTATED IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF HOSTAGES. TO HAVE AWAITED THE OUTCOME OF UN DIPLOMATIC ACTION BEFORE

MOVING TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE WOULD HAVE INVOLVED A HIGH RISK THAT THE HOSTAGES WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE MAINLAND. MOREOVER, THE GENERAL BEHAVIOR OF THE CAMBODIAN REGIME IN RECENT WEEKS CERTAINLY DISCOURAGED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO UN APPEALS, ESPECIALLY WITH AMERICAN HOSTAGES SECURELY HIDDEN ON THE MAINLAND.

2. UNLESS THE REPORT I HAVE SEEN ERRONEOUSLY REFLECTS WHAT WALDHEIM SAID, I WILL EXPECT YOU TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR SCALI ALONG THE ABOVE LINES AND INFORM ME OF THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

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